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I went to see Dr. Loeffler this morning at 19 Avenue President Wilson, and had my teeth cleaned. Afterwards Evangeline and I went to the funeral of her cousin Paula de Chandon. Her death was very sad. She was about 45, and after a slight operation a hemorrhage developed, and she expired very quickly. She was a great beauty and an attractive woman. We sat with the family, I on one side with the men, and Evangeline on the other side with the women. The church was bursting with people who were much affected by the tragic circumstances of her death.

Monsieur and Madame Boursicot, he being the head of the French Special Secret Services, came to lunch with us today, together with the Thayers and the Johnsons. Boursicot is very cooperative and friendly. Joe Kingsbury-Smith

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came [redacted] to talk to me about the European Army. Afterwards, I saw Monsieur Poulain, who has arranged to store my Nicolas wines, which is a great relief to me. René Mayer spent a couple of hours with me talking on a frank and personal basis. He thinks the European Army will have [redacted] tough sledding in the Parliamentary debate next week. He believes that unless the burden of Indochina can be lifted somehow from France this year it will continue to be a major obstacle to any worthwhile rearmament effort by his country in NATO. He is [redacted] concerned about conditions in North Africa, and hopes we will follow a policy [redacted] helpful to the French, although he recognizes that the blank check endorsement, asked some time ago by Schuman, is impracticable. We got off a telegram this afternoon to the Department regarding Monsieur Schuman's note to the Secretary, suggesting it would be better to postpone a formal reply to this letter and

for the Secretary

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to say he would prefer to discuss questions raised in it with Eden and Schuman in London, before the Lisbon meeting.

Underlying Schuman's letter is a complex of French fears of the resurgence of Germany that continues to dominate French foreign policy, and deeply influences domestic politics. This complex is composed of many elements including: uncertainty as to impact on European Community of peace treaty and German unity; apprehension that Germany will dominate even formative stage of European Community because US pressure and aid will go for rapid build-up of German contingents for defense on Continent, while best French contingents are kept engaged in commitments outside Europe, especially in Indochina; possibility that US will play less active role in Europe as relative strength of our forces stationed on Continent declines; and ~~in particular fear that~~, regardless

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of incorporation of armed forces in EDC, German irrendentism may, when it suits national designs, cause secession from EDC, and a German national force may drag France and other nations into war in the East.

We suggested that the United States and the United Kingdom should consider whether they could not offer some assurances to the EDC member states [redacted] make them confident that Germany would not obtain the right and powers to engage in any national warlike enterprise. If we could consider such action, there should be an immediate effort to bring all the related questions together -- US and UK guarantees against unilateral military ventures, Saar, EDC-NATO, Germany-NATO, security controls, German financial contribution, French defense budget and program, and possibly Dutch apprehensions about end-item deliveries -- for review and settlement first among ourselves and then with UK, France and Germany.

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Edgar Faure, the Prime Minister, sent for me this afternoon, and gave me a note defining what cutback would be necessary in the French NATO armament program on a series of assumptions regarding financial capabilities. He discussed the French financial and rearmament situation at considerable length, and this note is going to require quick study and, if possible, drastic action. Tonight, Evangeline and I motored out to Fontainbleau and had dinner with Isabelle and Laurie Norstad in the lovely 18th Century house the French Government has put at their disposal. The only other guests were the Eisenhowers.

We talked at great length about the European situation and particularly that of France and the difficulties confronting it. Eisenhower thoroughly understands these difficulties and, as usual, has a constructive approach regarding them. Norstad has a brilliant mind, which ranges far beyond aviation matters.

We had a delightful evening and got back to Paris about one o'clock in the morning.

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